

Consider Giving to These Organizations that Focus on Racial Equity

Follen Responds to Racism offers for your consideration this partial list of tax-deductible organizations that are especially focused on racial equity. If [Charity Navigator](#) rates the organization, its overall score and rating are cited.

[**METCO College Scholarship Fund of Lexington**](#) — The METCO Program (Metropolitan Council for Educational Opportunities) is a voluntary integration program that provides a suburban public school education for African American, Hispanic, and Asian students from Boston. The METCO College Scholarship Fund of Lexington was established to support Lexington's college-bound METCO graduates.

[**Equal Justice Initiative**](#) — The Equal Justice Initiative (Byron Stevenson is the executive director) is a private, nonprofit organization that provides legal representation to indigent defendants and prisoners who have been denied fair and just treatment in the legal system. (Charity Navigator score is 100 out of 100; rating is 4 out of 4 stars.)

[**Southern Poverty Law Center \(SPLC\)**](#) — The SPLC, founded in 1971 as a small civil rights law firm, today is internationally known for its tolerance education programs, its legal victories against white supremacists, and its tracking of hate groups. Throughout its history, it has worked to make the nation's Constitutional ideals a reality. (Charity Navigator score is 85.5 out of 100; rating is 3 out of 4 stars.)

[**National Association for the Advancement of Colored People \(NAACP\)**](#) — The objectives of the NAACP are to achieve equality of rights and eliminate race prejudice among the citizens of the United States; remove all barriers of racial discrimination through democratic processes; seek enactment and enforcement of federal, state and local laws securing civil rights; inform the public of the adverse effects of racial discrimination and to seek its elimination; and to educate persons as to their constitutional rights and to take all lawful action to secure the exercise of these rights. (Charity Navigator score is 73.67 out of 100; rating is 2 stars out of 4.)

[**UU Urban Ministry \(UUUM\)**](#) — The UUUM is a social justice organization based in the Roxbury neighborhood of Boston. It unites communities and transforms individuals through education, service, and advocacy, and engages communities and congregations in social action and change with programs that empower youth and adults to realize their full potential. (Donations made online through Network for Good are tax deductible; use the link on the UUUM home page.)

[**Black Lives of Unitarian Universalism \(BLUU\)**](#) — BLUU was formed in the wake of several conversations among BLACK UUs at the July 2015 Movement for Black Lives meeting. It works to provide support, information and resources for Black UUs and to expand the role and visibility of Black UUs within our faith. (*Note: Follen's Share the Plate collection on December 10 will benefit BLUU.*)

[**Black Lives Matter Boston \(BLM Boston\)**](#)

— BLM Boston is dedicated to restorative justice and finding alternatives to police and state-issued corrections. BLM Boston also adheres to issues unique to Boston's Black community, such as BPS (Boston Public School) policies; MBTA (Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority) affairs; and gentrification in Roxbury, Mattapan, and Dorchester. (Donations are tax deductible through Thousand Currents for the BLM Network.)